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20 July 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR:

[Redacted]

FROM:

[Redacted]

SUBJECT:

Mena Arkansas

REFERENCE:

You were inadvertently left off this list. Please advise. Thanks

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NOTE FOR:

[Redacted]

FROM:

DATE:

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SUBJECT:

Mena Arkansas

As some of you are painfully aware we have had an inquiry from the House Committee on Banking and Financial Services regarding what CIA knows about drug smuggling and money laundering in Arkansas. I realize that this is a domestic issue, that said that the committee will not back off and has demanded that NSA and CIA's IG brief them on Friday on this matter. We have been unsuccessful in reasoning with the committee despite our best efforts. OCA has asked that the DO to check all records and ensure that we have no information before we go downtown and tell the committee that on the record. The specific issues are as follow:

Does the CIA

know of any secret bank accounts held by US citizens domiciled in Arkansas at any times between 1988 and now?

is aware, directly or indirectly, of any efforts by computer hackers, US government related or otherwise, to penetrate banks for the purpose of monitoring accounts and transactions:

knows or has participated, directly or indirectly, in efforts to sell software--notably versions of a program in use at the Justice Department called PROMIS--or clandestinely produced devices to foreign banks for the purpose of collecting economic intelligence and information of illicit money transfers,

is cognizant of any attempts by [Redacted]

[Redacted] (company) that is now a division of [Redacted] to monitor or engage in the laundering of drug money or proceeds of other illegal activities, notably those conducted through Mena, Ark.

can provide information about [Redacted] a businessman in Nancy Kentucky who claims to have been a CIA operative (sic) in Latin and Central America, among other places.

knew of or was involved in directly or indirectly, any covert activities by the US government or any private parties (the so-called private benefactors") in or around Mena, Arkansas in the late 1980's

had any contractual or other relationship with the late [Redacted] in the 1980's or knew about his activities in connection with MENA

had any relationship with Arkansas State trooper [Redacted] who allegedly applied for CIA

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Action taken thus far:

Checked with DI for information re banking irregularities in Arkansas (OCA action)

Action requested: please confirm that your component has no information concerning the above drug smuggling, money laundering, software sales/production allegations.

please confirm that your component has made no previous investigation ie intel gathering re Mena Arkansas

please confirm that your component has no information concerning covert activity in or around Mena.

I am forwarding to each of you copies of the original letter from the Committee.

Please respond by COB Thursday, 20 July, if this is not possible let me know. Thanks in advance.

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